# What's New
# FY 2015 Exchange Network Solicitation Notice

**New this year:**

This year's solicitation notice contains opportunities for traditional Phase 2 (or Phase 1) Exchange Network priorities and for E-Enterprise related priorities.
  ➤ Each opportunity has a distinct evaluation criteria and priorities section.
  ➤ Applicants will need to submit separate applications for each opportunity and indicate in their cover letter what opportunity they are applying for.
  ➤ E-Enterprise related applications will be evaluated and ranked separately.
  ➤ Only partnership applications will be accepted for E-Enterprise related grants; we expect to award 3-4 E-Enterprise related grants in FY 2015.

Exchange Network Program Priorities (Section I-E.1)
  ➤ Tier 1 focuses on Phase 2 (e.g., development of web services/API publishing, virtual node, Shared CROMERR Services and Components, integration of new technologies into a partner's information technology infrastructure, implementation of new national data exchanges).
  ➤ Tier 2 focuses on the priorities continuing from Phase 1 (e.g., implementation of the original 10 priority data exchanges, including new RCRAinfo modules and new ICIS-NPDES data families) and the remainder of Exchange Network related activities.
  ➤ No Tier 3 priorities.
  ➤ Data flow enhancements are no longer a priority

Exchange Network Evaluation Criteria (Section V-A.1)
  ➤ Mandatory 10 point deduction for failure to provide a detailed itemized budget.

**New since FY 2013-2014:**

Evaluation Criteria (Section V-A)
  ➤ Adds consideration of unspent balances on existing Exchange Network grants to past performance criterion (mandatory 10 point deduction for applicants that have existing grants with excessively high unspent balances)

Threshold Criteria (Section III-B)
  ➤ Applicants with five or more active Exchange Network grants as of 1/29/2015 are not eligible to receive an FY 2015 grant

Evaluation Criteria (Section V-A)
  ➤ Increase in point value for allocating budget by goals